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THE ADULTERATION AND MISBRANDING OF THE SEEDS OF KEN-TUCKY BLUEGRASS, REDTOP, AND ORCHARD GRASS.

During the calendar year 1912, seeds of Kentucky bluegrass, redtop, and orchard grass were secured in the open market in accordance with the following paragraph in the act of Congress making appropriations for the Department of Agriculture:

Where such samples [seeds of grasses, clover, or alfalfa secured in the open market] are found to be adulterated or misbranded, the results of the tests shall be published, together with the names of the persons by whom the seeds were offered for sale.

In carrying out the provisions of this act 1,344 samples of the seeds enumerated above were secured and analyses made under the direction of Mr. E. Brown, Botanist in Charge of the Seed Laboratory, and publication is here made of the analyses of the 189 samples found to be adulterated or misbranded, together with the names of the seedsmen by whom they were offered for sale.

#### KENTUCKY BLUEGRASS.

Of the 499 samples of Kentucky bluegrass seed obtained, 62 were found to be either adulterated or misbranded, 36 samples containing less than 3 per cent of Kentucky bluegrass. An average of 59 per cent of Canada bluegrass seed was found in 53 samples. Two samples were mixtures of redtop and timothy and 7 were adulterated with rye-grass, redtop, timothy, or crested dog's-tail.

Table I.—Results of tests of samples of seed obtained in the open market as Kentucky bluegrass seed and found to be adulterated or misbranded.

Seed offered for sale or sold as Kentucky bluegrass by—					ter found -unples.	
Name of dealer.	Address.	Seed obtained by—	Ken- tucky blue- grass seed.	Canada blue- grass seed.	Other seeds.	Dirt and chaff.
Adams Co., B. F Archias Seed Store Bard Hardware Co Do Busch Seed Co., W. J.	Street, Peoria, Ill. Sedalia, Mo	Mail (sample) Purchase (bulk).	Per ct. 27, 82 57, 21 1 27 \$1 1.51	Per ct. 47, 18 14, 30 58, 80 79, 87 74, 04	Per ct. 3 (6) 4,00 11 (2) 3,20 5, 87	Per c. 1 34 24 49 28.31 16.12 18.60

Table I.—Results of tests of samples of seed obtained in the open market as Kentucky bluegrass seed and found to be adulterated or misbranded—Continued.

Seed offered for sale or sold as Kentucky bluegrass by—		-	Seeds and inert matter fou upon analysis of samples.				
Name of dealer.	Address.	Seed obtained by—	Ken- tucky blue- grass seed.	Canada blue- grass seed.	Other seeds.	Dirt and chaff.	
Central Grain Store	357 Common Street, Law-	Mail (sample)	Per ct. 34.86	Per ct. 42.09	Per ct. 1.31	Per ct. 21.74	
Do Champaign Seed Co Chester Milling Co Do Cover, U. J Do Do Do	rence, Mass. do Champaign, Ill. Chester, Pa do Mount Gilead, Ohio do do do do 320 East Markham Street,		36. 55 64. 04 1. 90 2. 06 12. 53 1. 01 8. 25 1. 48	42. 23 12. 56 57. 55 55. 20 64. 80 76. 88 73. 48 80. 66	1.86 1.34 12.94 14.31 4.19 8.34 4.82 7.87	19. 36 22. 06 27. 61 28. 43 18. 48 13. 77 13. 45 9. 99	
	320 East Markham Street, Little Rock, Ark. do. 28 Water Street, Fredonia,	Purchase (bulk).			<sup>1</sup> 64. 06 <sup>2</sup> 68. 94	35.94 31.06	
Do	N. Y. do. Keokuk, Iowa. do. Cleveland, Ohio. do. 313 State Street, New Al-	Mail (sample) Purchase (bulk). Mail (sample) Purchase (bulk). Mail (sample) Purchase (bulk). Mail (sample)	.57 .48 21.02 22.74 .99 .81 .08	81. 10 79. 83 40. 43 46. 95 64. 96 56. 66 81. 08	4.31 4.29 2.43 2.14 12.41 15.56 5.12	14.02 15.40 36.12 28.17 21.64 26.97 13.72	
Do Griffin Co., H. L	bany, Ind. do	Purchase (bulk). Mail (sample)	.59 38.51	83. 86 37. 44	5.76 1.65	9.79 22.40	
Do	Goshen, Inddododododododo.	Purchase (bulk). Mail (sample) Purchase (bulk)do	39.73 29.95 26.68 4.09	41. 85 40. 19 42. 63 64. 06	2. 44 4. 17 4. 02 13. 22	15. 98 25. 69 26. 67 18. 63	
Hoermann, Frank	N. Y. 317 Wabash Avenue, Terre Haute, Ind. 141 East Market Street, In-	do	. 26	87.74	1.58	10.42	
Huntington Seed Store Kimmel, Clem L	dianapolis, Ind. 146 East Third Street, Day-	Mail (sample)	54. 62 1. 06	6.75 69.83	1.71 5.35	36. 92 23. 76	
Do La Rose Grain Co Do Moore Seed Co., The	ton, Ohiodo La Rose, Illdodo 125 Market Street, Phila-	Purchase (bulk). Mail (sample) Purchase (bulk). Mail (sample)	. 65 24. 37 25. 59 1. 26	71. 26	6.33 3 61.39 4 59.15 5.19	21. 76 14. 24 15. 26 24. 62	
Do Murray, James C Muzzy Bros	delphia, Pa.		1.03 1.18 2.00	72.60 67.91 72.11	5, 97 13, 30 7, 29	20. 40 17. 61 18. 60	
Neely & Ferral	320 South Piedmont Street, Canton, Ohio.	Mail (sample)	8. <b>4</b> 0 2. 09	56. 21 72. 64	8. 10 5. 51	27. 29 19. 76	
New Albany Supply	do do 223 State Street, New Al-	Purchase (bulk).	1.11 1.96	68. 16 76. 51	8. 55 6. 95	22. 18 14. 58	
	bany, Ind. 345 South Main Street, Los Angeles, Cal.	Mail (sample)	60.13	18.41	3.57	17.89	
	Fourth and French Streets, Wilmington, Del. 107 East Front Street,	Purchase (bulk)	64. 46 68. 72	14.06	2. 69 5 10. 75	18. 79 20. 53	
Riese, Henry A	Bloomington, Ill.	Mail (sample) Purchase (bulk).	71.94 77.55		6 14.50 7 12.61	13.56 9.84	
	do. 660 Market Street, Kingston, Pa.		.30	73. 96 73. 70	6.37	19.37 17.72	
Do							

<sup>1</sup> Redtop or bent-grass, 59.87 per cent; timothy, 3.07 per cent.
2 Redtop or bent-grass, 64.43 per cent; timothy, 3.26 per cent.
3 Rye-grass, 29.36 per cent; redtop or bent-grass, 16.86 per cent; timothy, 3.20 per cent.
4 Rye-grass, 17.79 per cent; redtop or bent-grass, 25.56 per cent; timothy, 4.87 per cent.
5 Crested dog's-tail, 3.33 per cent.
6 Timothy, 14.41 per cent
7 Timothy, 14.41 per cent

Table I.—Results of tests of samples of seed obtained in the open market as Kentucky bluegrass seed and found to be adulterated or misbranded—Continued.

Seed offered for sale or sold as Kentucky bluegrass by—			Seeds and inert matter found upon analysis of samples.			
Name of dealer.	Address.	Seed obtained by—	Ken- tucky blue- grass seed.	Canada blue- grass seed.	Other seeds.	Dirt and chaff.
Do	152 East State Street, Hammond, Inddodo507 Liberty Street, Pitts-burgh, Padodo. Fifteenth and Blake Streets, Denver, Colodo. Albion, N. Ydodo 1406 Olive Street, St. Louis, Modo Newburgh, N. Ydo	Purchase bulk). Mail (sample  Purchase bulk). Mail (sample	1. \$1 1. 1\$ . \$3 . 61 54.31 39.11 . 96 . 30 36. 93 39. 98 1. \$2	\$1.77 86.34	5. 22 8. 92 5. 38 4. 44 1 23. 49 2 24. 91 15. 28 21. 32 2. 52	Per ct. 16.17 12.46 12.02 8.61 22.20 35.98 21.49 19.27 19.57 16.54 23.30 19.37

<sup>1</sup> Redtop or bent-grass, 22.2 per cent.

### REDTOP.

Of the 538 samples obtained as redtop seed, 115 were found to be adulterated with timothy.

Table II.—Results of tests of samples of seed obtained in the open market as redtop seed and found to be adulterated or misbranded.

Seed offered for sale or sold as redtop by—		Seed obtained	Seeds and inert matter found upon analysis of samples.			
Name of dealer.	Address.	by—	Redtop seed.	Timo- thy seed.	Other seeds.	Dirt and chaff.
Bailey & Sons Co	61 East Second South Street,	Mail (sample)			Per ct. 1.32	Per ct. 12.51
DoBaird Co C. R	Salt Lake City. Utah. do	Purchase (bulk Mail (sample)		9. 03 6. 42	.58 1.58	12.87 13.44
Breck & Sons, Joseph	nooga Tenn. do	Purchase (bulk). Mail (sample)		6.05 6.04	1.35 2.01	15.66 14.10
Brown, Arthur S	Boston. Mass. do Manchester, N. H.	Mail (sample) Purchase (bulk).	\$1.10 \$3.24	7. 62 12. 54 9. 78	2.19 .19 .28	15.71 6.17 6.70
John J. Do	5 West Lombard Street, Baltimore, Md.	Mail (sample) Purchase (bulk).	60.35	10.68 8.70	2. 95 2. 42	30. 03 28. 53
Do	72 Cortlandt Street, New York, N. Y. do	Mail (sample)  Purchase (bulk).	70.54	9. 88	1.06	12.57 18.52
	Oreg.	Mail (sample)  Purchase (bulk).  Mail (sample)	68.67	9. 72 7. 76 7. 94	2.04 2.04 2.03	19. 54 21. 53 14. 23
Do	rence, Massdo 10 East University Avenue,	Purchase (bulk).	72, 17	9.37	2. 25 1. 93	16. 21 13. 88
	Champaign, Ill.	1			1.00	10.00

<sup>2</sup> Redtop or bent-grass, 22.73 per cent.

Table II.—Results of tests of samples of seed obtained in the open market as redtop seed and found to be adulterated or misbranded—Continued.

Seed offered for sale or sold as redtop by—		Seed obtained	Seeds and inert matter found upon analysis of samples.				
Name of dealer.	Address.	by—	Redtop seed.	Timo- thy seed.	Other seeds.	Dirt and chaff.	
Chandler's Sons, C	Broadway and Central Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.	Mail (sample)	Per ct. 85.33	Per ct. 7.67	Per ct. . 0.19	Per ct. 6.81	
Do Crosman Bros	903 Monroe Avenue, Rochester, N. Y.	Purchase (bulk). Mail (sample)	84. 76 57. 61	7. 09 9. 30	. 29	7.86 32.72	
Do Davis, Frank E	134 Columbus Avenue, San-	Purchase (bulk). Mail (sample)	56.88 82.26	7. 02 10. 11	1.35 .40	34.75 7.23	
Do Dickinson Co., A	dusky, Ohiodo West Taylor Street and the River, Chicago, Ill.	Purchase (bulk). Mail (sample)	83. 14 67. 94	7. 81 7. 85	.38 1.91	8.67 22.30	
Do Ebbert Seed Co., The	412 South Main Street,	Purchase (bulk). Mail (sample)	67.01 74.17	6. 02 7. 78	1.31 2.87	25. 66 15. 18	
DoFarmer Seed & Nursery Co.	Rocky Ford, Colodo. Faribault, Minn	Purchase (bulk). Mail (sample)	71. 25 75. 41	9.36 18.41	2. 25 . 10	17. <b>1</b> 4 6. 08	
Do	do	Purchase (bulk). Mail (sample)	67. 72 77. 65	10. 67 14. 78	2.09 .91	19.52 6.66	
Do	Troy, N. Y.	Purchase (bulk). Mail (sample)	78. 60 83. 77	13.54 9.28	. 95 . 18	6. 91 6. 77	
Do	do	Purchase (bulk). Mail (sample)	84. 66 76. 67	8.06 9.19	. 29	6. 99 13. 78	
Do	do	Purchase (bulk). Mail (sample)	75. 89 57. 7 <b>1</b>	10. 05 10. 69	. 98 3. 79	13.08 27.81	
Do	doConshohocken, PaHillsboro, Ohio	Purchase (bulk)do Mail (sample)	58. 28 78. 72 63. 43	11. 62 6. 63 8. 90	3. 05 1. 23 3. 56	27. 05 13. 42 24. 11	
Grocery Co. Do. Hubbard's Seed	do	Purchase (bulk). Mail (sample)	66. 60 65. 24	6. 93 30. 28	2.31 .29	24. 16 4. 19	
House. Do  Kay Elevator Co., W. O.	Kans. do. Salt Lake City, Utah	Purchase (bulk).	79. 26 70. 70	15. 65 13. 33	. 20 2. 26	4.89 13.71	
Kimmel, Clem L Do McLaughlin, Ward & Co.	Dayton, Ohiodo	Mail (sample) Purchase (bulk). Mail (sample)	. 17 4. 39 67. 47	9. 48 6. 82 10. 08	1 67. 91 2 66. 17 3. 07	22. 44 22. 62 19. 38	
Do Mace & Mansfield	620 Broadway, Greenville, Ohio.	Purchase (bulk). Mail (sample)	67. <b>11</b> 34. 50	11. 47 11. 88	3. 19 2. 58	18. 23 51. 04	
Do Marlow Seed Co	do	Purchase (bulk). Purchase (bulk).	36. 85 79. 33	10. 07 5. 46	3. 03 4. 65	50. <b>05</b> 10. 56	
National Seed Co	101 West Main Street, Louis- ville, Kv.	Mail (sample)	41. 59	11. 31	3. 83	43. 27	
Do	dododododo	Purchase (bulk). Mail (sample)	77. 63 76. 62 56. 81	9. 10 9. 90 9. 79	. 28 . 28 2. 50	12. 99 13. 20 30. 90	
Perry, Wilford	Provo, Utahdodo	Purchase (bulk). Mail (sample) Purchase (bulk).	56. 99 73. 68 72. 42	10. 70 10. 62 5. 82	3. 09 2. 07 2. 90	29. 22 13. 63 18. 86	
Co. Jul.	709 Carroll Street, St. Louis, Mo. do.	Mail (sample) Purchase (bulk).	75. 41	8. 97 8. 30	1. 16	14. 46	
Do Philips' Sons, J. M Do Philipps & Co., Wil-	Mercersburg, Pado. 519 Monroe Street, Toledo,	Mail (sample) Purchase (bulk). Mail (sample)	62.87	24. 95 21. 80 7. 10	. 68 1. 00 1. 95	11. 50 11. 81 25. 58	
Do	Ohiodo	Purchase (bulk). Mail (sample)	64. 67 75. 50	7. 54 9. 24	1. 94 1. 03	25. 85 14. 23	
Co., The.	do			24. 35 27. 54	1. 94 1. 93	9. 21 8. 21	
<sup>1</sup> Canada bluegrass, 63.21 per cent. <sup>2</sup> Canada bluegrass, 60.98 per cent.							

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Canada bluegrass, 60.98 per cent.

Table II.—Results of tests of samples of seed obtained in the open market as redtop seed and found to be adulterated or misbranded—Continued.

Seed offered for sale or sold as redtop by—		Seeds and inert matter for upon analysis of sample Seed obtained				
Name of dealer.	Address.	by—	Redtop seed.	Timo- thy seed.	Other seeds.	Dirt and chaff.
Platt Co., Frank S	350 State Street, New Haven, Conn.	Purchase (bulk).	Per ct. 52. 07	Per ct. 6.74	Per ct. 1.06	Рет ct. 40.13
Poole's Seed & Implement Co.	1720 Pacific Avenue, Tacoma, Wash.	Mail (sample)	70.53	11.69	2. 22	15. 56
DoPortland Seed Co	180 Front Street, Portland,	Purchase (bulk). Mail (sample)	72. 86 72. 58	11. 40 9. 39	2.83 1.95	12. 91 16. 08
Do Do Do	Oregdo	Purchase (bulk). Mail (sample) Purchase (bulk).	70. 22 69. 32 69. 38	8.58 9.78 10.47	1. 97 2. 19 2. 76	19. 23 18. 71 17. 39
Rapier Grain & Seed Co.	Owensboro, Ky	do	68. 70	5. 65	1.20	24. 45
Reyburn, T. T	Fifth and Cherokee Streets, Leavenworth, Kans.	Mail (sample)	63. 01	20.33	1.15	15. 51
Do	Bloomington, Illdodo660 Market Street, Kingston,	Purchase (bulk). Mail (sample) Purchase (bulk)do	63. 53 78. 32 80. 64 69. 29	19. 89 12. 65 10. 48 7. 77	1. 22 . 19 . 18 2. 94	15.36 8.84 8.70 20.00
Ross Bros	Pa. Wichita, Kans. 88 Front Street, Worcester,		59. 69	10.84	4.04	25. 43
Ross Bros. Co	Mass.	Mail (sample)	87.14	5.80	. 29	6.77
Ross Seed Co	do	Purchase (bulk). Mail (sample)	86. 22 75. 22	5. 90 7. 01	. 29 1. 92	7. 59 15. 85
Do	729 East Pratt Street, Balti- more, Md.	Purchase (bulk). Mail (sample)	74. 53 67. 45	6. 89 18. 81	1. 13 . 97	17. 45 12. 77
Do	dodo. 621 Sansome Street, San	Purchase (bulk). Mail (sample)	47. 09 47. 02 73. 46	25. 47 26. 86 8. 78	2. 47 2. 84 2. 22	24. 97 23. 23 15. 54
Do	Francisco, Caldo	Purchase (bulk). Mail (sample)	75. 07 78. 66	7. 86 9. 39	2.33 1.18	14.74 10.77
State Nursery Co	Helena, Mont	Purchase (bulk). Mail (sample)	78. 60 82. 63	7. 67 9. 88	1.14	12. 59 6. 33
Steckler Seed Co., J	512 Gravier Street, New Orleans, La.	Purchase (bulk). Mail (sample)	81. 64 19. 31	10. 64 27. 72	1. 04 4. 12	6.68 48.85
Stone & Co., B. S	Mexico, N. Y	Purchase (bulk). Mail (sample)	18. 25 32. 81 33. 96	28. 24 12. 21 13. 15	4.13 3.72 2.98	49. 38 51. 26 49. 91
Do Sullivan's Bird Store	534 Fifteenth Street, Denver, Colo.	Purchase (bulk). Mail (sample)	54. 44	19. 93	3. 80	21. S3
Do Theilmann Seed Co	do 1517 State Street, Erie, Pa	Purchase (bulk). Mail (sample)	50.00 81.55	19.70 9.75 7.81	4. 03 1. 05	26. 27 7. 65
uce Co.	60 West First South Street, Salt Lake City, Utah.	Purchase (bulk). Mail (sample)	79. 17 70. 78	10. 91	1. 25 2. S9	11. 77 15. 42
Warner Bros.	do	Purchase (bulk). Mail (sample)	68. 90 75. 15	14. 11 7. 86	2. 97 2. 14	14. 02 14. 85
Do. Williamson & Son, Sam.	McCornick Block, Salt Lake City, Utah.	Purchase (bulk). Mail (sample)	64. 09 75. 47	14. 38 10. 22	3. 05 1. 06	18. 48 13. 25
Do	do	Purchase (bulk).	79. 57 77. 01	13. 43 8. 94	1.99 1.08	5. 01 12. 97
Wood-Curtis Co Yopp Seed Co., M.J	do. Sacramento, Cal. 124 South Second Street, Paducah, Ky.	do	70. 72 76. 77	14. 73 6. 98	1.34 2.29	13. 21 13. 96
Younkerman Seed Co.	164 Broadway, Council Bluffs, Iowa.	Mail (sample)	68. 20	9. 61	2.88	19. 31
Do	do	Purchase (bulk).	54. 61 67. 84	6. 92 7. 80	1. 16 1. 91	37.31 22.45
	do. 91 Water Street, Newburgh, N. Y. do.	Mail (sample)	78. 89	6. 45	1.32	13.34
Do		Purchase (bulk).	75. 07	8.85	. 57	15. <b>51</b>

#### ORCHARD GRASS.

Of the 307 samples obtained as orchard grass seed, 7 were found to be adulterated with rye-grass, chess, tall meadow oat-grass, and redtop, while 3 samples were rye-grass seed sold or offered for sale as orchard grass seed.

Table III.—Results of tests of samples of seed obtained in the open market as orchard grass seed and found to be adulterated or misbranded.

Seed offered for sale or sold as orchard grass by—		Seeds and inert matter fo upon analysis of sample				
Name of dealer.	Address.	Seed obtained by—	Or- chard grass seed.	Rye- grass and mead- ow fes- cue seed.	Other seeds.	Dirt and chaff.
Stoecker Seed Co Stumpp & Walter Co	Avenue, St. Louis, Mo. do. do. tolority Street, Pitts- burgh, Pa. 1551 Champa Street, Denver, Colo. do. Peoria, Ill. 50 Barclay Street, New York, N. Y. do.	Purchase (bulk)do Mail (sample) Purchase (bulk).	59. 95 46. 88. 71. 57 76. 06 61. 61	97.35 4.67 16.11	9.41 2.00 2.06 3 9.48 4 12.72 3.65	Per ct. 27.73 32.99 28.41 .58 .59 18.95 6.55
Yuess Gardens Co	91 Water Street, Newburgh, N. Y.	Mail (sample) Purchase (bulk).	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	81. 64	6.51 5 40.47	11. 85 19. 55

As has been formerly stated in its publications, the Department of Agriculture will examine and report promptly as to the presence of adulterants and dodder in any samples of seed submitted for that purpose. According to the location of the sender, these samples may be submitted to the Seed Laboratory at Washington, D. C., or to any of the following laboratories maintained through the cooperation of this department: Branch Seed-Testing Laboratory, Agricultural Experiment Station, Columbia, Mo.; Branch Seed-Testing Laboratory, Agricultural Experiment Station, Baton Rouge, La.; Branch Seed-Testing Laboratory, Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Oreg.; Branch Seed-Testing Laboratory, Purdue University, La Fayette, Ind.; Branch Seed-Testing Laboratory, California Agricultural Experiment Station, Berkeley, Cal.

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<sup>1</sup> Smooth chess, 6.16 per cent.
2 Smooth chess, 6.42 per cent.
3 Smooth chess and chess, 5.95 per cent.
4 Tall meadow oat-grass, 5.17 per cent; Bromus pratensis, 6.04 per cent.
5 Redtop or bent-grass, 21.42 per cent; tall meadow oat-grass, 12.67 per cent.



